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Dear Sir:

I, Constantinos Balas, a citizen of Greece residing at Zacharioudaki 12, Heraklion 71305

Crete, Greece, hereby declare as follows:


(1) I am the inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified application.

(2) I am a co-author with George C. Themelis, Emmanuel P. Prokopakis, Irene Orfanudaki, Eugenios Koumantakis and Emmanuel S. Helidonis of a paper entitled "In vivo detection and staging of epithelial dysplasias and malignancies based on the quantitative

assessment of acetic acid-tissue interaction kinetics" which was published in the *Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology* (53:153-157) in December of 1999.

(3) George C. Themelis, Emmanuel P. Prokopakis, Irene Orfanudaki, Eugenios Koumantakis and Emmanuel S. Helidonis are *not* co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified application. George C. Themelis was a graduate student in my lab who performed technical aspects described in the above-referenced paper under my direction and supervision. Emmanuel P. Prokopakis and Irene Orfanudaki were medical residents who performed technical aspects described in the above-referenced paper at my request and under my direction and supervision. Eugenios Koumantakis and Emmanuel S. Helidonis are directors at the clinics where the clinical work described in the above-referenced paper was performed and did not otherwise contribute to the work described in this publication.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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November, 25, 2002
Date